

## House Resolution 2090

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Orrock of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of discouraging discrimination within the United States Armed  
2 Forces; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Public Law 103-160, the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy governing sexual  
4 orientation and military service, has resulted in the firing of approximately 10,000 qualified  
5 members of the United States Armed Forces, many with critical skills in the war on terror;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Congressman Marty Meehan (D-MA) has introduced a bill in the House of  
8 Representatives, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2005 (H.R. 1059), which would  
9 repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and expressly prohibit the military from discriminating on the  
10 basis of sexual orientation; and

11 WHEREAS, gay and lesbian service members currently placing their lives in harm's way in  
12 Iraq and Afghanistan can be fired at any time, further jeopardizing the lives of their fellow  
13 soldiers and the security of the American people; and

14 WHEREAS, the armed forces of Great Britain, Canada, Australia, Israel, and every member  
15 of NATO except for Turkey have no restrictions on military service based on sexual  
16 orientation, and have experienced no negative impact on military readiness or morale; and

17 WHEREAS the city councils of New York, Chicago, San Francisco, West Hollywood, and  
18 Cathedral City, and the state legislature of California, have passed resolutions calling upon  
19 Congress to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"; and

20 WHEREAS, the defenders of freedom should not be denied the blessings of freedom; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States military is the nation's single largest employer; and

1 WHEREAS, women are discharged under this policy at twice the rate of men; and

2 WHEREAS, we should be doing all that we can to support all our troops overseas; and

3 WHEREAS, both parties should fight discrimination in all forms, and stand up to protect the  
4 rights of all Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, all members of the House of Representatives are in a unique position to end the  
6 inherent discrimination of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

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8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
9 this body hereby recognizes the importance of discouraging discrimination within the United  
10 States Armed Forces and doing all we can to support all our troops who are fighting to  
11 protect the rights of all Americans.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Congressional  
14 Delegation.